

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
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Examiner: Callie E. Shosho

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COMPOSITE COLORANT
PARTICLES

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 05, 2007. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12 have been rejected. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The claims in question are believed to meet the requirements of the rules. The addition of the term "essentially" does not change the meaning of the originally claimed invention, since (by analogy) the term "consisting essentially of" is well known not to be new matter, even though *in haec verba* support may not be found in the specification. The Examiner has shown absolutely no support for the position that absolutely no monomer must be present in the aqueous pigment mixture according to the present invention.